

### REMARKS

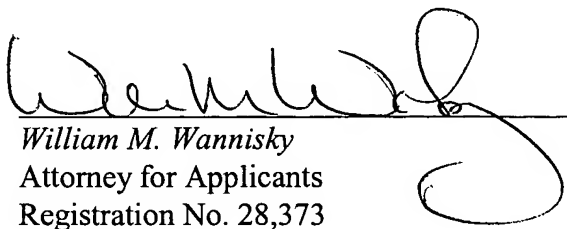
Claims 16 through 19 have been allowed and remain pending in the application. Claims 16, 17, and 18 have been amended to even more succinctly recite the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims. Claim 16 is the only independent claim.

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to as being too long. In response, a new Abstract is presented for the Examiner's consideration and approval.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objection, and an early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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